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delivering RF energy to the ablation device; and
heating the at least one pelvic tumor to a temperature between approximately 85 °C and
approximately 100 °C for between approximately 7 and 14 minutes,
wherein from the puncture site substantially all of the at least one pelvic tumor is
ablated.

REMARKS

Independent Claims 1, 12, 27, and 30 have been amended. Support for the amendments
are found in the Specification as filed at least in paragraphs 0005, 0035, and 0039.

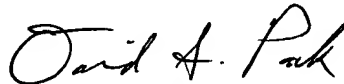
CONCLUSION

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ATTACHMENT A

1. (Twice Amended) A method of treating a pelvic tumor comprising:
 - inserting an ablation device into a pelvic region, wherein the ablation device includes [at least one electrode] a plurality of electrodes;
 - positioning the [at least one electrode of the ablation device] plurality of electrodes within a pelvic tumor to avoid contact with normal tissue outside of the pelvic tumor;
 - confirming placement of the [at least one electrode of the ablation device] plurality of electrodes completely within the pelvic tumor with a laparoscope and an imaging device; and
 - delivering energy through the [at least one electrode of the ablation device] plurality of electrodes to the pelvic tumor to ablate the tumor.

12. (Twice Amended) A method of treating pelvic tumors comprising:
 - providing a patient on an operating table;
 - providing at least one monitor for a laparoscope and an imaging device, the at least one monitor being located across the operating table from a surgeon and proximate the patient's waist;
 - providing an energy source and the imaging device adjacent to the at least one monitor, the energy source and the imaging device being located proximate the patient's knees;
 - inserting an ablation device into a pelvic region of the patient, wherein the ablation device includes [at least one electrode] a plurality of electrodes;
 - positioning the [at least one electrode of the ablation device] plurality of electrodes within a pelvic tumor to avoid contact with normal tissue outside of the pelvic tumor;
 - confirming placement of the [at least one electrode of the ablation device] plurality of electrodes completely within the pelvic tumor with the laparoscope and the imaging device; and
 - delivering energy to the pelvic tumor to ablate the tumor.

27. (Twice Amended) A surgical system for ablating pelvic tumors in a patient, the system comprising:
 - an ablation device for insertion into a pelvic region of a patient, wherein the ablation device includes [at least one electrode] a plurality of electrodes;
 - an energy source coupled to the ablation device for providing energy to the ablation device;

a laparoscope for insertion of the [at least one electrode] plurality of electrodes within a pelvic tumor of the patient to avoid contact with normal tissue outside of the pelvic tumor; and an imaging device for observing a location of the [at least one electrode of the ablation device] plurality of electrodes completely within the pelvic tumor of the patient,

wherein the laparoscope and the imaging device are connected to at least one monitor, the at least one monitor being located along a first side of an operating table, and wherein the energy source and the imaging device are located adjacent the at least one monitor along the first side of the operating table.

30. (Twice amended) A method of treating pelvic tumors comprising:

inserting an ablation device including [at least one electrode] a plurality of electrodes into a puncture site in a pelvic region, the puncture site being approximately 1 mm to 2 mm in diameter;

positioning the [at least one electrode of the ablation device] plurality of electrodes within at least one pelvic tumor to avoid contact with normal tissue outside of the at least one pelvic tumor, the at least one pelvic tumor having a diameter of at least 1 cm;

confirming placement of the [at least one electrode of the ablation device] plurality of electrodes completely within the at least one pelvic tumor with a laparoscope and an imaging device;

delivering RF energy to the ablation device; and

heating the at least one pelvic tumor to a temperature between approximately 85 °C and approximately 100 °C for between approximately 7 and 14 minutes,

wherein from the puncture site substantially all of the at least one pelvic tumor is ablated.